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Greetings Judges, Attorney Advisors, and Judicial Law Clerks,

I am pleased to tell you that you can now access the new OCIJ Guidance and Publications intranet site, which is designed to serve as a centralized location for OCIJ legal resources.

You can reach the Guidance and Publications homepage by opening your web browser to the default EOIR intranet homepage and clicking on "Guidance and Publications" in the "Components→Office of the Chief Immigration Judge" dropdown box at the top of the page, pictured here:
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Alternatively, you can click [here](#) to go directly to the site. If you have any difficulties accessing the site, please email Attorney-Advisor [Jon Cowles](#).

The Guidance and Publications resources currently include:

1. **Draft Decision Bank**—where you can find all of the draft decisions prepared by the JLCs for their Judges nationwide,
2. **State Crime Charts**—where you can quickly find the immigration consequences of criminal convictions in every state and federal jurisdiction,
3. **Published Case Summaries**—where you can browse a nationwide repository of all of the published circuit court case summaries that the JLCs produce,
4. **Legal Outlines**—where you can review outlines of various immigration law topics,
5. **BIA Precedent Committee**—where you can easily prepare a request to the Board to issue a precedent on an unresolved question of law, and
6. **Training Materials**—where you can retrieve copies of recent training session materials, including IJ conferences and JLC conferences.

Most importantly, with the exception of the archive of past training conferences, every single resource on the Guidance and Publications site has at least one JLC or IJ specifically charged with keeping that resource updated so that it will always remain current.

In addition, we consider this to be a "living resource" and will be continually adding new content, with opportunities for Judges to contribute their expertise and experience. In particular, we will be updating and incorporating many of the resources found on the IJ Bench Book. For now, please explore the site and familiarize yourself with the above resources, as well as the search and filtering capabilities of the site, which are explained at the bottom of each relevant page. We value your comments, corrections, and suggestions, so please do not hesitate to click on the red suggestions box visible throughout the site.

Sincerely,

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